

The West Bend Community Association
Minutes from November 21, 2012
Indian Road Crescent Public School

Chair: Tim Noronha Secretary (Minutes): Des McComish

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In Attendance: Tim, Des, Joel, Stuart, John Suline, Johanne, Shannon, Chloe, David Coffey, Lenny, David White, Janice.

1. Approval of October Minutes

Johanne moved to approve, seconded by Joel.

Update re local developments

Tim provided an update on the proposed developments below and noted that we now have new Bylaws in place regarding density and height – unlike when the Giraffe condos application was filed. People noted that The Address condo building under construction at Bloor & Indian Rd seems taller than the 8 stories at street level that we remember being approved – Tim undertook to contact Councillor Perk's office to check on the height.

- **2803 Dundas St West:** The applicant proposes to construct a 7-storey mixed-use building with commercial uses at grade. The proposed development would include 107 residential units and 949 square meters of commercial uses at grade.
- **2376 Dundas St West** (to the north of the Crossways): the City and community are at odds with the developer's plans for 8 and 23 condo towers; the City does not approve the proposal as it stands. The application will go to the EYCC in January 2013 so it looks like the developer will appeal to the OMB. The application, submitted by Urban Strategies, proposes to redevelop the site for a new mixed-use development containing a 8-storey mid-rise building on Dundas Street West and a 23-storey tower (down from 26-storey) on the eastern portion of the site adjacent the rail corridor. The City Planning report states that the "application in its current form is not supportable. Of considerable concern to staff is the appropriateness of the proposed tall building". The City held a follow-up community meeting on June 4th with the developer to raise concerns and the Councillor and residents concluded that the revised application was still unacceptable. City staff reports are expected in November for both the 2376 Dundas St development and the proposal for the McBride site at 2803 Dundas St West.

Metrolinx Update

Tim advised that the Clean Train Coalition's court application to challenge the Metrolinx decision to use diesel trains was rejected by the judge, who awarded costs to Metrolinx. Tim nevertheless feels that the exercise was worthwhile since it further raised awareness of the issues surrounding electrification versus diesel and there was immense media coverage generated by the application.

Bloor Mobility Hub

We discussed the issues relating to the plan to update and improve the Bloor GO Station; there has been talk of activating a dormant relief line that runs from Dundas West subway station to Union station and onward to Pape – to relieve congestion on the subway.

Bloor GO Station Public Meeting – hosted by Metrolinx
Monday, December 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Lithuanian House - 1573 Bloor Street West

Metrolinx Noise Walls Sound Mitigation measures - Community Advisory Committee

- It was agreed that the December 19th West Bend meeting will be given over entirely to the initial meeting and setup of the CAC or Community Advisory Committee which we agreed to establish as per Metrolinx's request. CAC's (launching in early 2013, there will be nine of them) will be tasked with providing input on the design of a potential sound mitigating wall. Per Metrolinx "Ideas and guidance from local residents will shape how the noise walls integrate into the surrounding community. Committee members must work or reside within 200 m of the rail corridor". We need to gather area residents' input in the West Bend area. Metrolinx is preparing the terms of reference of the CAC's and related timelines. (For more information, refer to the West Bend and Metrolinx websites).

Membership

- The recently created Facebook site is helping to raise awareness of TWBCA and provide a forum to discuss local issues such as electrification, the sound wall etc.
- We discussed cleaning up the email master list to remove those people who may have moved or are no longer interested in receiving TWBCA emails.
- The membership year follows the academic year, September to August and \$10 membership renewals are now due for the 2012/2013 period. We decided that those people who renewed/joined in Spring 2012 would be considered members in good standing for the current 2012/2013 membership year.

Treasurer's Report

Joel Citulski, our Treasurer, presented the latest report showing \$997.53 in the bank. John Suline motioned that the \$500 earmarked for maintaining area murals be released from "Restricted" funds and the motion passed unanimously.

Other

David White made a presentation and distributed leaflets regarding the Emerald Ash borer problem. Johanne noted that garbage is a problem along Edna Ave by the TTC station.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 pm: Moved: Des Seconded: Tim

Next Meeting(s)

December 19th 7.00 pm Meeting of TWBCA